

**FLUORESCENT DYED LUBRICANT
FOR MEDICAL DEVICES.**

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 A composition and method for detecting the presence, location and uniformity of a lubricious coating on a medical device. The method includes the steps of preparing a mixture of a biocompatible hydrophilic fluorescent dye and a hydrophobic lubricant, applying the mixture to the surface of a medical device to form a coating capable of exhibiting fluorescence, and subjecting the surface of the medical device to a
10 source of energy capable of inducing a fluorescent emission. The coating composition may further comprise a surfactant. This method finds particular utility for catheters, especially stent delivery catheters.

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